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Second of 2 Oklahoma men sentenced for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine

The second of two Oklahoma men were sentenced today in federal court in Minnesota in a case of conspiracy to distribute more than 500 grams of methamphetamine. In Minneapolis, United States District Court Judge Ann D. Montgomery sentenced Jesus Alonso Rojo-Landeros, 36, Oklahoma City, to 120 months in prison on one count of conspiracy to distribute in excess of 500 grams of methamphetamine.

Rojo-Landeros, formerly known as Jesus Rojo-Castro, was indicted on June 16, 2009, along with his brother, Edgar Humberto Rojo-Sanchez, age unknown, of Oklahoma City. Rojo-Sanchez pleaded guilty on September 2, 2009, and was sentenced yesterday to 46 months in prison on one count of conspiracy. Rojo-Landeros pleaded guilty on September 9, 2009.

In their plea agreements, the men admitted conspiring to distribute between 500 and 1,500 grams of methamphetamine during May of 2009. According to a Federal Bureau of Investigation affidavit, authorities arranged for a controlled buy of one ounce of methamphetamine from the men on May 22 in Oklahoma City. At that time, authorities also learned that Rojo-Landeros wanted to sell them between 5-10 pounds of crystal methamphetamine for \$21,000 to \$23,000 per pound on a future date.

A few days later Rojo-Landeros informed undercover officers that his brother, who was transporting drugs from Oklahoma to Minnesota, had five pounds of methamphetamine to sell them. Therefore, the officers arranged for a controlled purchase, which was to occur at a Wendy's restaurant in St. Paul at 10:30 a.m. on May 30. However, when Rojo-Sanchez arrived at the restaurant, he asked that the exchange take place at a St. Paul apartment instead.

Once at the apartment, Rojo-Sanchez parked his vehicle in a detached garage. Then, he removed methamphetamine from the vehicle's front dashboard and placed it in a plastic bag. The bag, which contained approximately 2 pounds of the drugs, was subsequently handed over in

exchange for \$50,000. At that point, Rojo-Sanchez was arrested. His brother, Rojo-Landeros, who supplied the methamphetamine, was arrested shortly thereafter in Oklahoma City.

This case was the result of an investigation by the FBI and the St. Paul Police Department. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Christian S. Wilton.